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Adoption of the report of the Committee on its third session

Draft report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development on its third session

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I. Introduction

Opening and duration of the session

1. The third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development was held in New York from 2 to 8 May 2001, in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 55/245 of 21 March 2001. The Committee held __ meetings (1st to __), as well as a number of informal meetings.

2. At its 1st meeting, on 2 May, the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed the Preparatory Committee.

II. Organizational matters

A. Adoption of the agenda

3. At its 1st meeting, on 2 May, the Committee adopted the agenda for its third session, as contained in document A/AC.257/21. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Review of the inputs to the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development.
3. Preparation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development.
4. Draft provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Committee.
5. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its third session.

B. Attendance

4. Representatives of the following Member States attended the sessions: Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan,

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Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zimbabwe.

5. Observers from the following non-member States attended the session: Holy See, Switzerland.

6. The following United Nations offices and organs were represented: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Development Fund for Women.

7. The following specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system were represented: International Labour Organization, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, International Fund for Agricultural Development, World Trade Organization.

8. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Caribbean Community, European Community, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, Organization of the Islamic Conference.

9. The following non-governmental organizations in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council were represented: International Chamber of Commerce.

10. The following non-governmental organizations accredited to the preparatory process and the International Conference were represented: [to be completed]

C. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

11. At the 1st meeting, on 2 May, the Committee decided to accredit to the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development additional non-governmental organizations, as recommended by its Bureau (see A/AC.257/10/Add.3).

D. Documentation

12. The list of documents before the Committee at its third session is contained in the annex to the present report.

III. Review of the inputs to the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development

13. The Committee considered agenda item 2 at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 2 May 2001. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Compilation of initiatives or themes submitted by Governments: note by the Secretary-General (A/AC.257/24);

(b) Working paper prepared by the Facilitator (A/AC.257/24).

14. At the 1st meeting, statements were made by representatives of Mexico, the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77), Sweden (on behalf of the European Union), Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Japan, Israel, Belarus, Norway, the Dominican Republic, China, Switzerland, Nauru (on behalf of the small island developing States that are members of the Pacific Island Forum), the Philippines (on behalf of the Association of South-East Asian Nations), Saint Lucia and Bangladesh.

15. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, as well as by the representative of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

16. At the 2nd meeting, on 2 May 2001, statements were made by the representatives of the United States

of America, Cuba, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the land-locked developing countries), Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Australia, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Uganda, Burundi and Belarus.

IV. Preparation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

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V. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its third session

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